



JUDICIAL PROFILE

John Foreman presently serves as a Family Court judge. Since his appointment to the Superior Court bench in 1985, Judge Foreman served seven years on the Juvenile Court, including three years as Presiding Juvenile Court Judge. He also has handled civil and criminal calendars. Judge Foreman, born in Kansas and raised in Iowa, graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy with distinction from Iowa State University in 1969, and went on to receive both an M.A. Degree in Political Science and a J.D. Degree in Law with distinction from the University of Iowa in 1972.

After moving to Arizona in 1972, he clerked for the chief judge of the Arizona Court of Appeals. In 1973, he began working for the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office. He became the head of the appellate section of the Public Defender's Office before he left in 1975 to work in private practice where he concentrated in the fields of personal injury, general commercial, and employment discrimination litigation with the Phoenix law firms of Langerman, Begam, Lewis, Leonard & Marks, and later, Harrison, Myers & Singer. In the late 1970's and early 1980's, Judge Foreman refocused his interests on criminal defense work, rejoining the Public Defender's Office for a few years, then working as a sole practitioner from 1981 until 1983. He then joined the firm of Cunningham, Tiffany and Hoffman in 1983 where he practiced until his appointment to the Superior Court Bench in 1985.



Judge Foreman is a noted expert in juvenile law and is a sought-after lecturer and speaker regarding criminal appellate practice, juvenile law, and trial work. In addition to lecturing, Judge Foreman has written widely on these subjects in legal journals. Judge Foreman has been credited with significant changes and new directions in the Juvenile Court, moving the court and its staff, in recent years, toward revitalized community and neighborhood programs while strengthening juvenile laws to improve the justice system for children. As such, he took a leadership role in drafting an Omnibus Juvenile Justice Reform Bill presented to the Arizona Legislature in 1996. He also initiated and continues to preside over Juvenile Drug Court in Maricopa County. He is a member of the National Drug Court Institute's Comprehensive Juvenile Drug Court Judicial Training Curriculum Development Committee and the Juvenile Drug Court Advisory Committee of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.